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Cactus District Weekly Update

September 11, 2015

Welcome to this week's Cactus District Weekly Update!

Cactus District Website

SAVE THE DATE - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

I invite all Cactus District residents to my upcoming Cactus District Meeting that will be on Thursday, October 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern. Please let your neighbors know. I look forward to seeing you there!

Glendale Celebrates National Library Card Month. A library card is the passport to a world of possibilities! September is National Library Card Month, and the Glendale Public Libraries want to spread the word about this little card with a big value.

During National Library Card Month anyone who comes into a Glendale library to apply for a library card can enter a raffle to throw a pie in the face of a teen librarian! The raffle isn't limited to new card holders; those who already have cards can enter by referring a friend.



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Report a Code Violation

Walk into a Glendale library and you will discover a variety of resources that meet the unique needs of the community. These days cardholders not only have the key to the traditional resources, books, magazines, DVDS, and CDs; they also have full access to amenities that provide the latest technologies and services: personal computers, Wi-Fi, eBooks, eReaders, databases, video games and Culture Passes. Many of these services are offered online 24 hours a day.

To apply for a card, visit one of the three Glendale libraries: Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., Velma Teague Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave., or Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. A picture ID and proof of current address is required to complete the registration process. Children under 14 require a parent or guardian present to apply. A Glendale library card is free to all Maricopa County residents.

Learn more about Glendale libraries online at www.glendaleaz.com/library.

Warning IRS Phone Scams

There are a lot of different phone scams and one of them is someone calling pretending to be with the IRS.

These callers may demand money or may say you have a refund due and try to trick you into sharing private information. These con artists can sound convincing when they call. They may know a lot about you, and they usually alter the caller ID to make it look like the IRS is calling. They use fake names and bogus IRS identification badge numbers. If you don't answer, they often leave an "urgent" callback request.

The IRS reminds people that they can know pretty easily when a supposed IRS caller is a fake. Here are five things the scammers often do but the IRS <u>will not do</u>. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam. The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment, nor will we call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- 2. Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- 3. Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- 4. Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.

Cactus District Amenities



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Glendale Releases
Arena Compliance
Review. The City of
Glendale released
today, its final and
completed compliance
review of the
Professional
Management Services
and Arena Lease
Agreement (PMSA).

The review, conducted by the Glendale City Auditor's Office in conjunction with ProEminent Sports, LLC, finds the main issues were administrative in nature and that staff has been working productively with IceArizona to address any outstanding concerns and to ensure processes going forward comply with the amended agreement.

The initial report was dated June 2, 2015. "Recent events including the June 10,

5. Threaten to bring in local police or other lawenforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money, here's what you should do:

- If you know you owe taxes or think you owe, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. The IRS workers can help you with a payment issue.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or have no reason to believe that you do, report the incident to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484 or at tigta.gov.
- You can file a complaint using the FTC Complaint Assistant; choose "Other" and then "Imposter Scams." If the complaint involves someone impersonating the IRS, include the words "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

Remember, too, the <u>IRS does not use</u> unsolicited email, text messages or any social media to discuss your personal tax issue. For more information on reporting tax scams, go to <u>www.IRS.gov</u> and type "scam" in the search box.

2015 Council action to cancel the PMSA. subsequent negotiations with IceArizona, and the July 24, 2015 Council action to amend the agreement, significantly impacted some of the audit findings", said Glendale Acting City Manager Dick Bowers. "Therefore, we felt it was appropriate for the management responses to reflect the amended agreement."

Coffee with a Cop

Join your neighbors and Police Officer for Coffee and Conversation. No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. For more information call Crime Prevention Specialist Doreen Anderson at 623-695-0440. September 15, 2015

9 a.m.
Denny's at 4303 W. Peoria Ave.
October 19, 2015

6 p.m.
Submarino's at 7910 N. 43 Ave Suite 6

The Glendale City Council Sponsors City-Wide Code Information Meeting. The Glendale City Council is hosting a city-wide code compliance information meeting for Glendale residents and business owners. The meeting will provide residents and business owners the opportunity to identify potential code violations and to

learn how to build or improve their property in compliance with the City of Glendale's building and safety code requirements. All are invited to attend the meeting which will be held at **6:30 p.m.**, **Wednesday**, **September 16** at the Glendale Main Library Auditorium, **5959 W Brown St.**, Glendale, AZ 85302.

The City Council will be joined by Sam McAllen, Development Services Director, and his staff from the Code Enforcement and Building Safety Divisions.

Presentations from city staff will include examples of neighborhood code violations related to property maintenance, abandoned vehicles, garage sales, etc., and explain how to get these violations resolved. Staff will also discuss when and how to get building permits for a variety of home improvement projects which residents may be considering. Staff will be available to privately and confidentially answer questions from residents who may wish to report code violations in their neighborhoods.

For more information, please contact the Glendale City Council Office at 623-930-2250.

Got Drugs? Safely Dispose of Them! The Glendale Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Administration are providing residents an opportunity to safely and conveniently dispose of expired, unwanted or unused pharmaceutical substances and other medications. Controlled, non-controlled and over the counter substances will be accepted on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center located at 5970 W. Brown Street, North parking lot area.

*Glass containers, inhalers, intra-venous solutions, injectable and syringes **CANNOT** be accepted due to potential hazards posed by blood-borne pathogens*

For more information about this event, contact Officer Jeff Horsley at 623-930-4029 or Officer Andy Lynes at 623-930-2554.

Glendale Police Department Shred Event. Saturday, October 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Target, 10404 N. 43rd Ave., Southwest Parking Lot Area. Four (4) banker boxes limit per household. Due to demand, event may conclude if trucks are full. For further information contact Doreen Anderson, Crime Prevention Specialist at 623-930-4044.

Glendale Celebrates 100 Years of Water Service. The Glendale Water Services Department invites you to celebrate 100 years of water services for the City of Glendale. In 1915 the Town of Glendale purchased Floyd Sine's private water company which continues to provide a safe and reliable source of water to Glendale residents. The celebration, called "Glendale Water: Celebrating a Century of Service" will be held on Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Attendees will go back in time by touring historic Sahuaro Ranch Park from 9 to 9:45 a.m. and then head over to the Main Library for refreshments, presentations, and information booths from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

After the presentations, attendees will receive free desert-friendly plants as well as water- and energy-saving household devices.

Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors 2015 Fundraiser
-Tickets on Sale Now. Tickets are now on sale for the
second annual Musical Mystery Tour fundraiser
sponsored by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors
Foundation. This year's event is entitled Sentimental
Journey, featuring the music of the '40s and '50's, with
a special tribute to Luke Air Force Base who came to
Glendale, Arizona during that period. The fundraising
event will be held on Saturday evening, October 3,
2015, on the DeVry University Sky Patio, overlooking
Westgate and with a spectacular view of the West
Valley. The goal of the Musical Mystery Tour is to raise
money for Upward for Children and Families, whose
mission it is to "bring joy and hope to the children they
serve."

The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors (GCPA) was organized to help promote economic, social and cultural vitality for Glendale and the surrounding area. They also raise funds to help the region's worthwhile charitable organizations through the GCPA Foundation, having donated more than \$300,000 to charity in the past decade.

Upward for Children and Families, a United Way agency, provides special education and therapies, including speech, feeding and swallowing, music, occupational and physical, for children and adults with developmental disabilities. For more information about the 2015 Musical Mystery Tour, visit www.musicalmysterytour.org, or contact Nancy Lenox at 602-568-6202 or by email at nancylenox@cox.net. To purchase tickets, call 602-279-5801. Seating is limited, so please make your reservations early.

Valley Metro West Phoenix/Central Glendale High Capacity Transit Study Information. What is the timeline for the West Phoenix/Central Glendale Project? As you may know, Valley Metro has a study underway to identify transit options to connect downtown Glendale to the light rail system. The project is scheduled for operations in 2026, but critical decisions are being made in the current study to determine a route and type of transit (light rail or bus rapid transit). That study will conclude in early 2016 with a vote by the Glendale and Phoenix City Councils. We want to hear from you! To learn more about the project and how you can provide input, visit valleymetro.org/Glendale.

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